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1. The military and civilian airfield at Trencin was built during World War II and used as a private civilian airfield by the Trencianske Teplice spa and the Odeva firm of Trencin.
2. The field is situated south of Trencin, near the village of Trencianske Biskupice. The northern boundary of the field is formed by a country road to Nozdrkovce. In the west, it is bordered by the Trencin-Topolcany double-track railroad line which is parallel to the Trencin-Topolcany State highway. In the south, fields adjoin the airfield. The eastern boundary is formed by a country road leading from Trencin to Soblahov.
3. In the northeast, the terrain rises gently to 379 meters above sea level. The airfield is 209 meters above sea level, on humus soil. It has been provided with a drainage system.
4. In February 1953, one runway was completed from north to south alongside the hangar and the control tower in the eastern part of the field. The runway is 600 meters long and 250 meters wide. The rest of the field in the direction of the railroad tracks will also be covered with concrete, so that the new runway running east-west will be about 800 meters long and 450 meters wide. As of the date of observation, the field had been only partly surfaced; concrete blocks 0.80 by 1.20 meters in size were used for this. Apart from the runways, the field is sodded. The field is about 1,200 meters long and 850 meters wide overall.
5. The control tower is situated in the eastern part of the field, close to the new apron. It is 12 meters high, circular, and with a diameter of six meters. The upper part of it is of glass. The tower was erected in 1953.
6. The hangar is on the eastern side of the airfield, some 30 meters north of the control tower. It is of brick, 10 meters wide and 80 meters long. Its eastern part is used as a repair shop for minor repairs. The hangar is also used to store parachutes.

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7. W/T aeriels are on the top of the tower and the transmitter is on the ground floor.
8. The field is illuminated at night. Reflectors, flashing alternating red and yellow lights, are on the tower. Other reflectors are along the edges of the grass surface. Another light is on top of the barracks and there is one on the chimney of the factory at Trencianske Biskupice. Most flights take place at night.
9. The following aircraft are at the field: 54 Siebels, 4 or 5 CAPs, 6 or 7 Me-109s and a large number of sport aircraft and gliders. The aircraft are parked in front of the hangar, up to the control tower. At night and in bad weather the engines are covered. Only smaller aircraft are kept inside the hangar.
10. The field is also used by the Czechoslovak Air Force for training purposes, chiefly at night. It is also the base for a pilots' school which was moved here from Poprad in 1952.
11. The Czechoslovak Airlines use the field for the Piestany-Trencin line. Dakota aircraft operate on that line.
12. The Air Force barracks are located on the northern side of the field. They consist of some 12 identical buildings, built in two rows. They are each 25 by 30 meters in size and have four stories each. Only Air Force personnel are quartered in them. Signal and airborne infantry units are billeted in the Stefanik barracks in Trencin.
13. The field is reached by a road from Trencin which also leads to Soblahov. This road branches off from the Trencin-Topolcany State highway. The main entrance to the airfield is at the barracks.
14. Guards patrol the field, the barracks and the tent camp in the northwest corner of the field. The guard company lives in the tents.
15. Concrete stands, allegedly to be used for radar apparatus, are under construction behind the control tower and in the southeast part of the field.
16. The airfield is out of bounds to civilians and the passengers of the Czechoslovak Airlines have to stay in the waiting room near the guardroom while waiting to board their planes. Parachutist members of Sokol are issued special passes to enter the airfield.

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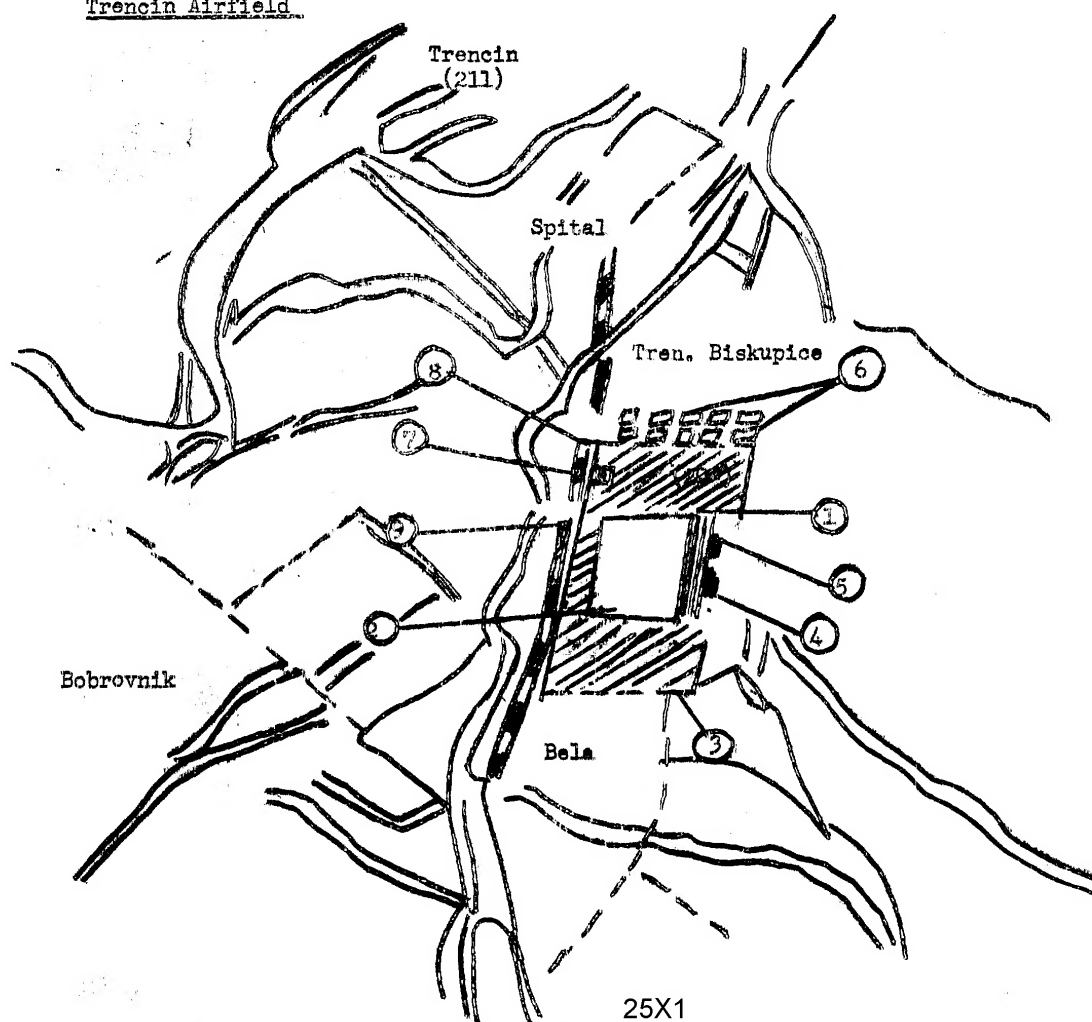
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Legend to the Sketch

1. Concrete apron
2. Planned enlarged apron
3. Grass apron
4. Control tower
5. Hangar
6. Air Force barracks
7. Guardroom and passengers' waiting room
8. Main entrance
9. Tent camp

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